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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 16, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOHN ERNEST SARNO, Jr.  
 Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
 U.S. Public Health Service  
 Federal Security Agency  
 Washington, D.C.  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Rebulet 9/28/50.

At the U.S. Marine Hospital, Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island, New York, the following investigation was conducted by SA Fred F. Daly.

Mrs. ELFANOR DI MARCO, Clerk, made available the personnel file on SARNO which reflects that he has been assigned as an intern to this hospital since July 1, 1950. The file reflects that SARNO occupies quarters at the hospital and is listed as a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Dr. BENGT HAMILTON, Clinical Director, advised that he has been SARNO'S superior since July 1, 1950 and while his contact with SARNO has been limited he believes SARNO to be loyal to the United States.

Dr. CHARLES NAEGELE, Assistant Chief, Medicine, advised that SARNO was assigned to his department for one month and that his contact with SARNO was necessarily limited. He stated that he believes SARNO to be a loyal American.

Dr. FREDMAN RAWSON, Resident Physician, advised that the appointee was assigned in his section for about one month and that his contact with SARNO was entirely professional. He stated that he regards the appointee as a patriotic citizen.

Mr. HENRY LESSE, Intern, advised that he has known SARNO casually since July 1, 1950 and considers him to be loyal.

Dr. CARL GOTTSCHALK, Intern, advised that he has quarters in the same building as the appointee and also has considerable contact with him at the hospital since July 1, 1950 and that in his opinion the appointee is a patriotic American citizen.

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Mr. LOUIS PARRISH, Intern, stated that he has had quarters in the same building as SARNO and has been quite friendly with him. He declared that the appointee is a loyal American.

All of the individuals interviewed at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island, were questioned regarding the appointee's affiliation with the Association of Interns and Medical Students, but all advised that they know of no activity on the part of the appointee for this organization.

At the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, New York City, Miss LEORA WILLIAMS, Clerk, Registrars Office, advised that JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., born June 23, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York had attended that institution from September 12, 1946 to June 8, 1950 at which time he received a medical degree. She stated that SARNO is now interning at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island, New York. She further advised that the only address available for SARNO is that of 2059 McGraw Avenue, New York City and that his father's name is JOHN E. SARNO, occupation, printer.

Miss ANNA SHACKELFORD, Secretary to the Assistant Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, advised that she had known the appointee for the previous four years and believes she knows him quite well. She stated that she was very fond of him, that he was quite popular in the school, a serious type of young man and that she knew nothing detrimental about him. Miss SHACKELFORD stated that she could not imagine SARNO involved in anything "subversive".

Dr. AURA SEVERINGHAUS, Assistant Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, stated that he had become well acquainted with SARNO during the four years he knew SARNO as a student. He stated that he liked SARNO, considered him an excellent student, a high minded, idealistic individual, and not the type who would be interested in anything Communistic or "subversive". He stated that SARNO was such an excellent student that he could have interned at practically any hospital in the United States, but that SARNO had long expressed his desire to enter in Public Health Service or into the medical

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missionary field and that SARNO after consulting with him had decided that the U.S. Marine Hospital internship would give him a quick taste of that type of work. SEVERINGHAUS stated that he was aware that SARNO was a member of the Association of Interns and Medical Students (AIMS) and that he had discussed with SARNO, SARNO'S membership in it and had asked SARNO why he remained in an organization which was so questionable. He stated that SARNO had replied that the reason he, SARNO, remained a member of AIMS was that SARNO felt that people who know that they have good motives should stay in questionable organizations and try and keep such organizations from becoming too bad.

Dr. ROBERT F. LOEB, Head of the Department of Medicine, College of Physicians and Students, advised that he recalled SARNO as a student, knew him only as a student, and had no reason to question SARNO'S loyalty.

Dr. CALVIN H. PLIMPTON, Instructor in Medicine, advised that SARNO had been one of his students and that he would consider SARNO to be a good security risk.

Dr. KENNETH B. TURNER, Associate Professor in Medicine, advised that SARNO had been one of his students and that he recalled SARNO as being a popular individual and as one who had never given any indication of "subversive tendencies". Dr. TURNER stated, however, that he knew SARNO only as a student and that his knowledge of SARNO was limited.

WILLIAM B. REED, 50 Haven Avenue, New York City, a third year medical student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, advised that he has furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation with substantial amounts of information regarding AIMS and that he was well informed concerning the activities of AIMS and the membership of the Columbia University chapter of AIMS. REED stated that he is acquainted with SARNO and advised as follows regarding SARNO and SARNO'S association with AIMS.

REED advised that the idea of forming a chapter of AIMS at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University was first discussed

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in February, 1949 and that the first organized meeting of the chapter was held on May 4, 1949. He stated that he did not know if SARNO took part in the first discussions regarding AIMS but that SARNO did attend the first meeting held in May, 1949. At that time, according to REED, SARNO was doubtful about becoming a member of the organization. REED further advised that in the fall of 1949, SARNO was in attendance at every meeting of AIMS which was attended by REED.

REED stated that at a meeting of AIMS on December 16, 1949 the question was raised regarding a SHEPPARD CARL THIERMAN, identified by REED, as a chairman of the American delegation at the Budapest World Festival held in the summer of 1949 and the international vice president of AIMS at the time. One of the members of AIMS present at the meeting raised the question of THIERMAN'S Communist connections and wanted to pass a motion for the Columbia University chapter of AIMS to go on record at the coming AIMS National Convention as being in favor of impeaching THIERMAN and his connections with AIMS. REED stated that there followed a two or three hour discussion at the end of which a vote was taken as to whether or not the Columbia University chapter would bring THIERMAN'S Communist associations before the National Convention. REED said that by a vote of 12 to 4 the motion was defeated. SARNO, according to REED, voted with the majority.

REED also advised that this meeting was controlled by DR. JAMES FOULKS and WILLIAM ABRUZZI, who with SARNO were elected to National Offices at the National Convention of AIMS held in Chicago on December 27 and 28, 1949.

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REED stated that SARNO was one of the Columbia University AIMS delegates who attended the National Convention in Chicago in December, 1949 and that SARNO was elected Publicity Director at AIMS at that convention. REED stated that at the first meeting of the local chapter following the convention, it was announced officially that FOULKS, ABRUZZI and SARNO had all been elected to National offices in AIMS. At this point, REED stated that he, REED, got up in the meeting and referred to the three of them in curse words. After the meeting, REED stated, SARNO came up to REED and shook his finger in REED'S face and said, "Bill, you're a bad boy".

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REED stated that he had heard WILLIAM ABRUZZI make the remark that he, ABRUZZI, and SARNO had attended a meeting of the Provisional Committee for Better Health in Harlem, which, according to REED, was headed by SAMUEL C. PATTERSON.

REED further stated that it was the practice to have guest speakers lecture to the students in Bard Hall, which is a dormitory for the students of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He advised that he knew that SARNO had been responsible for bringing several of the speakers there under the sponsorship of AIMS and that he could furnish documentary proof of SARNO'S connection with the speakers.

REED stated that outside of SARNO'S connections with AIMS he has no reason to question SARNO'S loyalty. He stated that he has never heard SARNO make any statements which would indicate subversive tendencies, but that he cannot help but be suspicious of SARNO because of SARNO'S continued membership and office holding in AIMS. He stated that SARNO has no excuse for not being aware of the type of organization that AIMS is and yet SARNO has not criticized the activities of AIMS and has not withdrawn from AIMS.

Mr. EDWARD J. TOMS, Resident Manager, Bard Hall, 50 Haven Avenue, advised that he had been employed there for only three months and was not acquainted with SARNO. He stated, however, that he was in possession of records kept by Mrs. JAMES CUNNINGHAM, former resident manager of Bard Hall. TOMS exhibited several books wherein he explained Mrs. CUNNINGHAM had kept records of activities being held in Bard Hall and which reflect the sponsoring organization and the name of the student who was considered responsible for the party, lecture, or whatever activity was taking place. A review of the records reflect that on December 6, 1949 a Professor ALLAN BUTLER lectured at Bard Hall under the sponsorship of AIMS and that JOHN SARNO was the student named as responsible. The records further reflect that on May 2, 1950 a beer party had been held in Bard Hall under the sponsorship of AIMS and that JOHN SARNO had been named as responsible. *E.P. Sympathy*

WILLIAM REED advised as follows concerning the lecture by Professor ALLAN BUTLER.

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He stated that the ATMS group desired to have Professor BUTLER lecture them, but because of PROFESSOR BUTLER'S reputation, as a Communist sympathizer, the group was afraid of the reaction of the Dean toward any student who approached the Dean for permission to have BUTLER speak. REED stated that SARNO, being a fourth year student, was considered to be beyond the wrath of the Dean and that SARNO therefore, took the responsibility for BUTLER'S presence.

REED further advised that he had heard that SARNO had received through the mail the magazine "In Fact" for a period of two years.

*Mrs. John Ernest Sarno*  
FRANK M. LEIHER, Office Manager, Parkchester, 71 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised that JOHN SARNO and his wife, DELIA, have resided in apartment 2H of 2059 Mc Graw Avenue since November 1, 1943 and that their prior residence, which was verified by investigators of Parkchester was at 484 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, where they had resided for four years. LEIHER stated that in 1943, JOHN SARNO gave his age as 42 and his occupation as a printer for the Quality Art Company, Long Island City, New York. He stated that an inquiry of the Quality Art Company had provided the information that SARNO had been employed by that organization since 1931. LEIHER further advised that the SARNO file reflects that in 1948 a son of JOHN and DELIA SARNO had returned from military service and that the son's name was JOHN E. SARNO, Jr., age 25. He stated that there was nothing in the file which would reflect on the loyalty of the SARNO family.

At 2059 Mc Graw Avenue, the following individuals advised that they were casually acquainted with the SARNO family and that they knew nothing which would cause them to doubt the loyalty of any member of the SARNO family: Mr. and Mrs. JOHN J. AIRLIE, apartment 2G; Mrs. RUTH SOLOMON, apartment 2F; Mrs. O.J. HANRATTY, apartment 2E; Mrs. M. MUNDY, apartment 2A.

At 1696 Adelphi Road, Wantagh, Long Island, Mrs. JOSEPH RICHARDSON, advised SA Kenneth R. Routon as follows concerning the SARNO family.

She stated that she knew the SARNO family very well and had formerly

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been a neighbor of the SARNOS at 2059 Mc Graw Avenue, Bronx, New York City. She stated that she was of a different religion than the appointee's father and that she was a member of a different major political party than the appointee's father and that they had had frequent political and religious discussions together. Mrs. RICHARDSON advised that these discussions and arguments that they had had together had convinced her that the appointee's father was a perfectly loyal American citizen. She further advised that the appointee's father was very conscious of racial prejudices and very much against such prejudices. She stated that from her slight knowledge of the appointee she was of the opinion that the son was just as idealistic as was his father. She stated she knew nothing which would reflect on the loyalty of the appointee.

A review of the records of the Board of Elections, Bronx County, by SE George Madison, reflect that JOHN SARNO and DELIA SARNO, registering from 2059 Mc Graw Avenue had registered in 1944, 1945 and 1946 as members of the two major political parties; in 1947 there was no record of their registrations; in 1948 they registered as members of one of the two major political parties and in 1949 they registered as members of the Liberal Party. The records further reflect that JOHN SARNO, JR. registered in 1946 and 1948 but did not designate any political party.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA August Wicek, do not reflect any information which can be identified with the appointee or his family.

Confidential Informants [redacted] who reported to SA Richard Clancy, and confidential informants [redacted] who reported to SA Edward Buckley advised that they have no knowledge of the appointee.

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In regard to the individuals named herein as being connected with AIMS, most of them are well enough known to the Bureau so that no documentations are being set forth. In regard to JAMES FOULKS, present president of AIMS, reference is made to Bureau file 100-177713, wherein



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information appears which indicates that the subject of that file is identical to the present president of ATMS and that this individual was a member of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland and Columbus, Ohio in 1942 and 1943. In regard to WILLIAM ABRUZZI, the files of the New York Office do not reflect any identifiable information concerning ABRUZZI other than that information contained in the file on the "Association of Interns and Medical Students, Internal Security - C." WILLIAM REED, who provided information set forth above, stated that in his opinion, ABRUZZI is becoming more aware of the controlling influences of ATMS and is losing some of his enthusiasm for the organization.

Since foregoing investigation failed to develop any derogatory information pertaining to appointee's loyalty other than was set out in referenced Bulet, no further investigation will be conducted by this office. RUC

STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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December 8, 1950

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~ BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is forwarded herewith a letter to this office dated November 30, 1950, from Mr. Joseph E. McElvain, Chairman, Board of Inquiry on Employee Loyalty, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., in which full field investigation is requested in the case of John Ernest Sarno, Jr. born June 23, 1923, who is presently employed as Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

Our records disclose that copies of a letter in regard to the above case were transmitted to this office by your Bureau under date of October 31, 1950.

Very truly yours,

*Kimbell Johnson*  
Kimbell Johnson, Acting Chief  
Investigations Division

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
WASHINGTON



November 20, 1950

Personal and Confidential

Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hatcher:      Subject: John Ernest Sarno, Jr.

Reference is made to your referral of copy of F.B.I. Memorandum Report, dated November 20, 1950, with respect to John Ernest Sarno, Jr., Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

This Board desires that a full field investigation be made of Mr. Sarno. Please transmit this request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. McElvain  
Chairman  
Board of Inquiry on Employee Loyalty

ENCLOSURE

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September 23, 1950

SAC,  
NEW YORK

RE:

JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct a full field investigation ( )  
a preliminary inquiry (✓) concerning the above named individual. This  
investigation is to be assigned immediately and the results mailed to  
reach the Bureau by October 12, 1950.

Attached for your assistance is a photostatic copy of the Request  
for Report on Loyalty Data furnished to the Bureau on this individual.

The Bureau files contain the following information regarding this  
person:

Reference is made to a memorandum to the Bureau from the SAC, San  
Francisco dated June 5, 1950, entitled "Association of Internes and Medical  
Students - Internal Security - C." Referenced memorandum sets out the names  
of the newly elected officers of AIMS. Appearing on the list is the name of  
John Sarno, Columbia P. & S. who was elected to the position of publicity  
director for AIMS. It is to be noted that the Loyalty Form for the appointee  
indicates that he holds membership in AIMS.

Bureau files indicate that Communist Party sympathizers have held  
membership in AIMS and certain doctors who spoke at the National Convention  
of AIMS in 1949, have been reported as formerly active in various Communist  
organizations. (100-355953-28 and 22)

The New York and Detroit offices are requested to conduct a preliminary  
inquiry to determine whether the appointee has been engaged in any activities  
which would bring him within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Very truly yours,

CC - Detroit (and)  
St. Louis (and)  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: October 31, 1950

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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A Loyalty Form has been received concerning the above-named appointee who was born on June 23, 1923, at Brooklyn, New York, and resided at 2052 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York. Sarno reportedly attended Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, from 1940 until 1943 and served in the U. S. Army from May, 1943 until April, 1945, Army Serial number 16088626. It is noted that the appointee has indicated that he is affiliated with the Association of Internes and Medical Students. Information has been received to the effect that in February, 1950, "The Interne", a journal published by the Association of Internes and Medical Students, listed the newly elected officers of that organization, including "John Sarno, Columbia P and S, 1951" as Publicity Director. An informant has advised that the 1948 President of the Association of Internes and Medical Students was a member of the Communist Party in 1947. (100-355953-6)

During an inquiry which has been conducted regarding the appointee, an individual who is well acquainted with Sarno stated that he is "not the type who would be interested in anything Communistic or subversive." He advised he is aware the appointee was a member of the Association of Internes and Medical Students while attending college, and stated he once asked Sarno why he "remained in an organization which was so questionable." The appointee reportedly replied he felt that "people who know that they have good motives should stay in questionable organizations and try and keep such organizations from becoming too bad."

(Dr. Aura Severinghaus, Assistant Dean, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City).

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An individual who attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City, with the appointee stated Sarno was present at the first meeting of the chapter of the Association of Internes and Medical Students at that institution held during May, 1949. He stated that at the time Sarno was "doubtful about becoming a member of the organization" but that in the fall of 1949 he was observed in attendance at various meetings of the Association of Internes and Medical Students. He advised that at a meeting of the organization on December 16, 1949, one of the members present raised the question of Communist connections on the part of another person and informed that a motion was made to bring his Communist associations to the attention of the National Convention of the Association of Internes and Medical Students. The motion was reportedly defeated and Sarno was said to have voted with the majority. The same source further informed that the appointee was a delegate to the National Convention of the Association of Internes and Medical Students held in Chicago, Illinois in December, 1949, and that at the first meeting of the local chapter following the Convention, it was officially announced that Sarno had been elected to a national office in the Association of Internes and Medical Students. He also related that in December, 1949, the local group desired to have as a lecturer an individual who had a reputation as a Communist sympathizer, but was afraid of the reaction of the Dean of the College toward any student requesting permission to have him speak. He stated that Sarno, being a fourth year student, was "considered to be beyond the wrath of the Dean", and, therefore, took the responsibility for the presence of the desired lecturer at the meeting.

The individual who furnished the above information stated that he has no other reasons to question the loyalty of the appointee and has never heard him make any statements which would indicate "subversive tendencies", but cannot help being suspicious of him because of "Sarno's continued membership and office holding in the Association of Internes and Medical Students." (William B. Reed, Student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.)

A number of neighbors, acquaintances and fellow-employees in New York City and Kalamazoo, Michigan, who were interviewed advised they consider the appointee to be a loyal American citizen. The files of local investigative agencies were found to contain no record of the appointee and individuals who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the vicinity of New York City and in the State of Michigan advised that Sarno is unknown to them.

The files of this Bureau contain no additional information which can be identified with the appointee and the foregoing is submitted for your consideration. No further action in this matter is contemplated in the absence of a specific request. This confidential data which is not the result of a full field loyalty investigation should not be disseminated to unauthorized individuals or agencies. This Bureau makes no recommendation for clearance or disapproval of the appointee.

A copy of Sarno's Loyalty Form is attached.

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TO : S. J. TRACEY

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: December 21, 1950

Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and forward the results, in duplicate, to the Foreign and Domestic Coordination Unit, Room 4519, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance:

Maiden name, if married:

Date and place of birth: 6/23/23 - Brooklyn, NY

Department and Agency for whom employed: FSA, Washington, D. C.,

Previous Government employment:

Was case opened on Form 84 or Form 85:

If so, date form received:

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Other pertinent identifying data: (Including Military service numbers and Alien Registration numbers)

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Last known address: 2059 McGraw Ave., Bronx 62, NY

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ADDENDUM: 1-16-51 (j1) Based upon information furnished an Identification record, FBI #93 113 A, is attached which is identical with the above subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

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NOTICE.—This Record is furnished for official use only

SAC New York

January 17, 1951

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON

JOHN ERNEST SARNO, Jr.  
F.S.A., LGE

Refer: Bulet December 21, 1950

1. New York Office will include in its report under appropriate temporary informant symbols (except for HCUA, whose identity need not be concealed) the fact that the records of the agencies indicated below have been checked and found to contain no record of the employee or appointee:

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2. New York Office will include in its report under appropriate temporary informant symbols (except for HCUA, whose identity need not be concealed) the fact that the records of the agencies indicated below have been checked and found to contain no information pertinent to this investigation:

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3. New York Office will include in its report under appropriate temporary informant symbols (except for HCUA, whose identity need not be concealed) the fact that the records of the agencies indicated below have been checked and that the pertinent information reflected therein has been utilized by the FBI in conducting this investigations.

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COMMENTS: HCUA files reflect one JOHN SARNO, Publicity director of association of Internes and medical students. Source "Interne" February 1950, page 26, no identifiable information. RDS.

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RECORD AT RACAG REFLECTS FATHER JOHN E. SARNO, BORN IN ITALY, AND MOTHER DELIA  
SARNO, BORN AT BEACON, NY. ADDRESS OF APPOINTEE AND PARENTS ABOUT NINETEEN  
FORTYTWO SHOWN AS FOUR EIGHT FOUR UNION AVE., BROOKLYN, NY. APPOINTEE REGISTERED  
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JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Rebulet September 28, 1950, and urlets submitting the results of a preliminary inquiry, New York file 121-9757, Detroit file 121-1625.

This inquiry was based upon information received on June 5, 1950, indicating the appointee was elected publicity director of AMS (Association of Internes and Medical Students). Bulet dated September 28, 1950, pointed out that Communist Party sympathizers have reportedly held membership in AMS.

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The results of the inquiry conducted regarding Sarno were made available to the Civil Service Commission and the Commission has now furnished the Bureau a letter from the Chairman, Board of Inquiry on Employee Loyalty, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., requesting a loyalty investigation of the appointee based upon information in the possession of the Bureau concerning him.

In view of the request which has been received, you are instructed to conduct a full field investigation concerning the loyalty of the above-named appointee. This investigation is to be assigned immediately and the results should reach the Bureau by January 20, 1951.

The Washington Field Office will report the results of a check of the records of appropriate government agencies and the St. Louis Office will review the appointee's Army service record. The Basis for Investigation section in the New York report should reflect that this investigation was initiated at the request of the employing agency, the identity of which should be concealed by means of a temporary informant symbol.

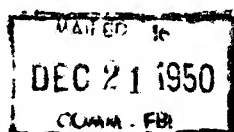
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Date: December 21, 1950

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
(Your case serial number 4-51,684.)

Returned herewith is the material which you made available  
regarding the above-named appointee.

A loyalty investigation concerning Sarno has been initiated,  
the results of which will be made available to you upon completion.

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FILE NO. 121-6357

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/8/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/3/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD E. KACHELHOFFER</b> <span style="float: right;">cd</span>
TITLE <b>JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., Assistant Surgeon - Appointee, U.S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Records AGO, DPRB, Department of the Army, SLMO, indicate JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., ASN 16089019 and 16088626 in U. S. Army 12/9/42 to 4/13/46. Honorably discharged by reason of demobilization. In ERC 12/9/42 to 5/11/43 and 4/14/46 to 4/13/49. Father JOHN E. SARNO, born in Italy. Soldier born 6/23/23 at Brooklyn, N. Y. Background information and description set out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic;">KC - cont - w7 w 8/11/53</p>			
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Upon obtaining substantive information indicating disloyalty on the part of this appointee, a full field investigation should be instituted immediately and the Washington Field Office should report the results of a check of the records of the appropriate Government agencies.

Your preliminary inquiry should be sufficiently complete to resolve the question of loyalty. If the case is not converted, it is incumbent upon you to furnish the Bureau sufficient information to justify your determination that no further action is warranted.

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JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
Federal Security Agency  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

St. Louis, Missouri  
January 8, 1951

### III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

A review of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, St. Louis, Missouri, for JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., Army Serial Number 16089019 and 16088626, indicates that he enlisted in the United States Army on December 9, 1942 and entered on active duty on May 12, 1943. He was honorably discharged on April 13, 1946 as a Technician 3rd Grade by reason of demobilization. Soldier had inactive service in the Enlisted Reserve Corps from December 9, 1942 to May 11, 1943. He enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps on April 14, 1946 and was separated from inactive service on April 13, 1949 by reason of expiration of term of service. SARNO's father, JOHN E. SARNO, is listed as having been born in Italy, and his mother, DELIA SARNO, at Beacon, New York. His birth date was indicated as June 23, 1923 at Brooklyn, New York.

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**in the record:** The following background and descriptive information is contained

<b>Date/Place of Birth:</b>	6/23/23 at Brooklyn, New York
<b>Height:</b>	5' 4"
<b>Weight:</b>	125
<b>Race:</b>	White
<b>Hair:</b>	Brown
<b>Eyes:</b>	Brown
<b>Complexion:</b>	Ruddy-dark
<b>Civilian Occupation:</b>	Student
<b>Military Occupation:</b>	Surgical Technician
<b>Addresses:</b>	484 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (1942) 2059 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York (1946)
<b>Relatives:</b>	Father, JOHN E. SARNO, 484 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and 2059 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York. Mother, DELIA SARNO, same addresses

LDB #193 at Brooklyn, New York.

**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter to New York dated December 21, 1950.

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**United States Department of Justice  
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**JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
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Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

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**Report of SA EDWARD E. KACHELHOFFER**

**Dated January 8, 1951 at St. Louis, Missouri**

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TITLE <b>JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., Assistant Surgeon - Appointee, U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Appointee attended Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, from September 16, 1940 until April 12, 1943, at which time he was called to active duty in the U. S. Army. He was an honor student. Faculty members have no reason to question Appointee's loyalty. Credit and criminal negative. Confidential informants Detroit Division do not know Appointee.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bulet to New York, September 28, 1950.

Detroit letter to the Bureau, October 10, 1950.

Bulet to New York, December 21, 1950.

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JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.,  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Detroit, Michigan  
January 17, 1951

### III - Results of Investigation

#### At Kalamazoo, Michigan:

Mrs. MARY LOU BIRKENMEYER, Registrar's Office, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, made available the record of JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., which reflected that his home address was 484 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He was born June 23, 1923. His father's name was JOHN E. SARNO. He entered Kalamazoo College on September 16, 1940, from Newton High School and Horace Mann High School, addresses not given. He graduated from High School in June 1939, and June 1940. There was no explanation given for this unusual notation. The Appointee was a Pre-Medical student, and he received high honors for the year 1940-1941; the Sherwood Prize in Freshman Declamation, 1940-1941; and honors for the year 1941-1942. The record bore the following notation: "Left school E.R.C. (Army) April 12, 1943." Mrs. BIRKENMEYER stated that the notation probably referred to the fact that SARNO was a member of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, United States Army, and that he was called to active duty on April 12, 1943. While at Kalamazoo College the Appointee resided at Hoben Hall on the campus.

SARNO'S student file contained no information pertaining to his loyalty, nor did it indicate that any disciplinary action had been taken against him. The Appointee's file did contain a letter addressed "To Whom It May Concern" in which it was stated that SARNO was a student of many talents and high scholarship; had a good disposition, and contributed to the social and intellectual life of the campus. It recommended that SARNO could successfully fulfill any duties or position that he might represent himself to be capable of. This letter was signed WILBUR J. HUMBER, Dean of Student Affairs.

Miss FRANCES DIEBOLD, Professor of Biology, Kalamazoo College, recalled the Appointee very well. She found him to be an honest, very alert and intelligent young man. She said he thought matters over very carefully before taking any action, and did not "start off half-cocked" to do anything. He came from a middle class family, in the opinion of Miss DIEBOLD, but he appeared well satisfied with his position in society. Miss DIEBOLD has never had any reason to question the loyalty of SARNO. It is her opinion that if the Appointee is now employed by the United States Government, it is the Government's gain.

Dr. ALLEN B. STOWE, Professor of Chemistry, Kalamazoo College, recalled the Appointee as a student of foreign extraction, generation not known, who came from Brooklyn, New York. He had a talent for singing and was very well liked by fellow students and faculty members. It is Dr. STOWE'S opinion that if SARNO had continued at Kalamazoo College, he was "headed for the Presidency of the Student Body." He impressed Dr. STOWE as being the type of person who appreciated everything this country had to offer him and was very appreciative of the chances he had received to help him become a Doctor of Medicine. STOWE believes the Appointee to be loyal to this country.

Dr. WILLIS F. DUNBAR, Director of Public Affairs, Fetzer Broadcasting Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan, former Dean of Kalamazoo College, recalled SARNO as being one of a group of students who often called at the DUNBAR home for a social "song fest". DUNBAR stated that he had no reason to question the Appointee's loyalty toward this country, but that he had never discussed economics, politics, or International affairs with SARNO. It is noted that Dr. DUNBAR was also the History Professor at Kalamazoo College from September 1942 to June 1943.

Miss MARGARET BLAKESLEE, Credit Bureau of Kalamazoo, was unable to locate a record of the Appointee.

The Appointee's name does not appear in the records of the Kalamazoo Police Department or the Detroit Police Department.

The following Detroit Confidential Informants, of known reliability, and who are acquainted with some aspects of Communism and some Communist Party members in the Detroit area, were contacted but did not know the Appointee:

Informants Detroit T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10, T-11, T-12, and T-13.

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Investigation at Kalamazoo, Michigan was conducted by  
SA V. JEMAR CURRAN.

Mrs. MARY LOU BIRKENMEYER, Registrar's Office, Kalamazoo College, advised that the Dean of Men, Dean of Student Affairs, and Faculty Resident of Hoben Hall at the time SARNO attended Kalamazoo College, are no longer connected with the college. Mrs. BIRKENMEYER advised that Dr. WILLIS F. DUNBAR, former Dean of Kalamazoo College, is now connected with the Fetzer Broadcasting Company, Kalamazoo, but she did not know the whereabouts of WILBUR J. HUMBER, former Dean of Student Affairs. Professor FRANCES DIEBOLD and ALLEN B. STOWE, Kalamazoo College, were also unable to furnish the present address of WILBUR J. HUMBER.

WILLIS F. DUNBAR was unable to furnish the whereabouts of WILBUR J. HUMBER or the name of anyone who might know of HUMBER'S whereabouts. Dr. DUNBAR advised that the Dean of Men at Kalamazoo College from 1938 until June 1942 was GILMER G. ROBINSON, who is a Special Agent of the Bureau at this time. By teletype dated January 13, 1951, it was suggested that the Bureau have SA GILMER G. ROBINSON of the Los Angeles Division interviewed concerning the Appointee.

The following Confidential Informants were contacted by  
SA WILLIAM H. ROBINSON:

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SA EUGENE H. STEWART contacted Confidential Informant

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The following Confidential Informants were contacted by  
SA JOSEPH HYBLE:

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REQUEST FOR REPORT OF LOYALTY DATA ON APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES

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BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
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TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation through the U. S. Civil Service Commission  
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any  
loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable).		(Surname) <b>SARNO</b>	(Given name) <b>JOHN</b>	(Middle or other names) <b>ERNEST JR.</b>
2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES <b>NONE</b>		3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST <b>6-30-50</b>		
4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which) <b>16088626</b>				
5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Brooklyn NY</b>		6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>6-23-23</b>		7. TITLE OF POSITION <b>Asst Surg (R) 7</b>
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14. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS				
From	To	Street	City	State
<b>Sept 1940 May 1943 Hoben Hall Kalamazoo College Kal Michigan</b>				
<b>US Army May 1943 to April 1946</b>				
<b>April 1946 to June 1950 2059 McGraw Avenue Bronx 62 NY</b>				

15. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS		
Date	Employer	Address
<b>Student 1940 1943 Kalamazoo College Kalamazoo Michigan</b>		
<b>US Army 1943 1946</b>		
<b>Student 1946 1950 Columbia University College of P &amp; S</b>		

16. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW:	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.,  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Report of: Special Agent  
V. LEMAR CURRAN  
Dated: January 17, 1951  
Detroit, Michigan

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Washington, D. C.  
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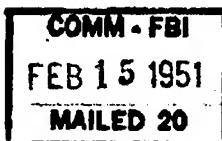
For your information, and in order that consideration might be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there are transmitted herewith copies of reports reflecting the results of a loyalty investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding the above-captioned individual.

These reports are listed in the attached copy of a letter transmitting results of the investigation to the United States Civil Service Commission under provisions of Executive Order 9835.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/31/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/18, 22, 23, 24, 26/51	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM H. THOMAS
TITLE JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., Assistant Surgeon Appointee, U.S. Public Health Service Federal Security Agency, Washington, D.C.			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Appointee born 6/23/23 at Brooklyn, NY. Personal history set out. This investigation was initiated at the specific request of CI Washington T-1, based on information contained in the appointee's loyalty form dated 6/30/50, to the effect that he indicates membership in the Association of Internes and Medical Students (AIMS). Former professors at Columbia University consider appointee loyal. WILLIAM B. REED, 50 Haven Place, NYC, stated that he cannot help but be suspicious of SARNO because of SARNO'S continued membership and office holding in AIMS. Neighbors consider SARNO to be a loyal American. NYC CI's do not know the appointee. No credit or criminal record, NYC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Bureau letter to New York, 9/28/50. Bureau letter to New York, 12/21/50. St. Louis teletype to New York, 1/4/51. Washington Field letter to New York, 1/17/51.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Edward A. Schindler</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>			
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Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
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Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

January 31, 1951  
New York, New York

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

The following information was obtained from the appointee's loyalty form dated June 30, 1950 and from the files of Confidential Informant New York City T-1, another government agency that maintains personnel records.

The appointee was born on June 23, 1923 at Brooklyn, New York. He attended Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, from 1940 until 1943 and the Physicians and Surgeons College of Columbia University, New York, New York, from 1946 until 1950.

The appointee was in the United States Army from 1943 until 1946.

The appointee has been employed at the following places and for the periods as noted:

1940 to 1943	Student - Kalamazoo College Kalamazoo, Michigan
1943 to 1946	United States Army
1946 to 1950	Student - College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University New York, New York

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Staten Island, New York.

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April, 1946

United States Army

April, 1946 to  
June, 1950

2059 McGraw Avenue  
Bronx, New York.

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### III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

#### Birth Data

Certificate No. 25757 of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York, reflects that JOHN SARNO was born on June 23, 1923, in Brooklyn, New York, to JOHN SARNO, born in Italy, and DELIA ASTONE SARNO, born in New York.

#### Education

College of Physicians and Surgeons  
Columbia University  
630 West 168th Street  
New York, New York

Miss LEORA WILLIAMS, Clerk, Registrar's Office, advised that JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR., born June 23, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York, had attended that institution from September 12, 1946 until June 8, 1950, at which time he received a medical degree. She stated that SARNO is now interning at the United States Marine Hospital, Staten Island, New York. She further advised that the only address available for SARNO is that of 2059 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that his father's name is JOHN E. SARNO, occupation, printer.

Miss WILLIAMS stated that she does not know the appointee and also advised that his file contains no information reflecting adversely on his loyalty to the United States.

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See letter to Mr. James E. Hatcher,  
Chief, Investigations Division,  
US Civil Service Commission, Washington 25,  
D. C., dated October 30, 1950.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 85

1. This form (Standard Form 85) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to applicants for Federal employment and persons appointed to Federal positions after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part 1 of Executive Order 9835.
2. All items must be filled in. If the answer is "No" or "None", so state.
3. The Fingerprint Card (Standard Form 87) of the applicant or appointee must be submitted with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
4. If additional space is needed in filling in items 14 and 15, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number of this form, and attach.
5. If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in item 16.
6. Item 17 is reserved for use in reporting on this request when no derogatory information is developed.
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Miss ANNA SHACKELFORD, Secretary to the Assistant Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, advised that she had known the appointee for the previous four years and believes she knows him quite well. She stated that she was very fond of him; that he was quite popular in the school, a serious type of young man, and that she knows nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning his character or loyalty. Miss SHACKELFORD stated that she could not imagine SARNO involved in anything "subversive".

Dr. AURA SEVERINGHAUS, Assistant Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, stated that he had become well acquainted with SARNO during the four years he knew SARNO as a student. He stated that he liked SARNO, considered him an excellent student, a high minded, idealistic individual, and not the type who would be interested in anything Communistic or "subversive". He stated that SARNO was such an excellent student that he could have interned at practically any hospital in the United States, but that SARNO had long expressed his desire to enter into Public Health Service or into the medical missionary field and that SARNO after consulting with him had decided that the United States Marine Hospital internship would give him a quick taste of that type of work. SEVERINGHAUS stated that he was aware that SARNO was a member of the Association of Interns and Medical Students (AIMS) and that he had discussed with SARNO, SARNO'S membership in it and had asked SARNO why he remained in an organization which was so questionable. He stated that SARNO had replied that the reason he, SARNO, remained a member of AIMS was that SARNO felt that people who know that they have good motives should stay in questionable organizations and try and keep such organizations from becoming too bad.

Dr. ROBERT F. LOEB, Head of the Department of Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, advised that he recalled SARNO as a student, knew him only as a student, and had no reason to question SARNO'S loyalty.

Dr. CALVIN H. PLIMPTON, Instructor in Medicine, advised that SARNO had been one of his students and that he would consider SARNO to be a good security risk and loyal to this country.

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Dr. KENNETH B. TURNER, Associate Professor in Medicine, advised that SARNO had been one of his students and that he recalled SARNO as being a popular individual and as one who had never given any indication of "subversive tendencies". Dr. TURNER stated, however, that he knew SARNO only as a student and that his knowledge of SARNO was limited.

WILLIAM B. REED, 50 Haven Place, New York, New York, a third year medical student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, advised that he is well informed concerning the activities of AIMS and the membership of the Columbia University Chapter of AIMS. REED stated that he is acquainted with SARNO and advised as follows regarding SARNO and SARNO'S association with AIMS.

REED advised that the idea of forming a Chapter of AIMS at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University was first discussed in February, 1949, and that the first organized meeting of the Chapter was held on May 4, 1949. He stated that he did not know if SARNO took part in the first discussion regarding AIMS, but that SARNO did attend the first meeting held in May, 1949. At that time, according to REED, SARNO was doubtful about becoming a member of the organization. REED further advised that in the Fall of 1949, SARNO was in attendance at every meeting of AIMS which was attended by REED.

REED stated that at a meeting of AIMS on December 16, 1949, the question was raised regarding a SHEPPARD CARL THIERNAN, identified by Reed, as a Chairman of the American Delegation at the Budapest World Festival held in the Summer of 1949, and the International Vice-President of AIMS at the time.

One of the members of AIMS present at the meeting raised the question of THIERNAN'S Communist connections and wanted to pass a motion for the Columbia University Chapter of AIMS to go on record at the coming AIMS National Convention as being in favor of impeaching THIERNAN and severing his connections with AIMS. REED stated that there followed a two or three hour discussion at the end of which a vote was taken as to whether or not the Columbia University Chapter would bring THIERNAN'S Communist associations before the National Convention. REED said that by a vote of twelve to four the motion was defeated. SARNO, according to REED, voted with the majority.

REED also advised that this meeting was controlled by Dr. JAMES FOULKS and WILLIAM ABRUZZI, who with SARNO were elected to National Offices at the National Convention of AIMS held in Chicago on December 27 and 28, 1949.

REED stated that SARNO was one of the Columbia University AIMS delegates who attended the National Convention in Chicago in December, 1949 and that SARNO was elected Publicity Director of AIMS at the Convention. REED stated that at the first meeting of the local chapter following the convention, it was announced officially that FOULKS, ABRUZZI and SARNO had all been elected to National Offices in AIMS.

REED stated that he had heard WILLIAM ABRUZZI make the remark that he, ABRUZZI, and SARNO had attended a meeting of the Provisional Committee for Better Health in Harlem, which, according to REED, was headed by SAMUEL C. PATTERSON, formerly an official of the International Workers Order.

REED further stated that it was the practice to have guest speakers lecture to the students in Bard Hall, which is the dormitory for the students of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He advised that he knew that SARNO had been responsible for bringing several of the speakers there under the sponsorship of AIMS. He stated that the AIMS group desired to have ALLAN BUTLER, a Harvard Professor, lecture them, but because of Professor BUTLER'S reputation, as a Communist sympathizer, the group was afraid of the reaction of the Dean toward any student who approached the Dean for permission to have BUTLER speak. REED stated that SARNO, being a fourth year student, was considered to be beyond the wrath of the Dean and that SARNO therefore, took the responsibility for BUTLER'S presence.

REED stated that outside of SARNO'S connection with AIMS he has no reason to question SARNO'S loyalty. He stated that he has never heard SARNO make any statements which would indicate subversive tendencies, but that he cannot help but be suspicious of SARNO because of SARNO'S continued membership and office holding in AIMS. He stated that SARNO has no excuse for not being aware of the type of organization that AIMS is and yet SARNO has not criticized the activities of AIMS and has not withdrawn from AIMS.

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REED further advised that he had heard that SARNO had received through the mail the magazine "In Fact" for a period of two years.

REED also stated that he is willing to testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Confidential Informant New York City T-12, of known reliability, advised that the publication "In Fact" is a four page periodical strongly backed by the Communist Party and at various Communist Party meetings it is frequently referred to by Party members as a good paper to read. On several occasions he added, it has been offered at a special price with other Communist publications.

The publication "In Fact" has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944 (page 48).

The March 5, 1947 edition of the "Daily Worker" contains an article on Page five, column five, which reflects that SAMUEL PATTERSON, National Organizer of the International Workers Order, was a member of the 1947 Provisional May Day Committee meeting.

The United May Day Committee and the International Workers Order have been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On page four of the "Souvenir Journal", which was given out at the third anniversary birthday ball for Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., member of the National Board of the Communist Party, held on December 7, 1946, at the Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem, New York City, is the name SAMUEL C. PATTERSON, listed as a member of the Executive Board of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party is an organization which has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated March 28, 1947, Page 15, Column 3, lists the name of Dr. ALLAN M. BUTLER, Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard University and Chairman of the Physical and Mental Health Program, as a speaker at an "Urge the Peace" Conference of the Science and Art Panels held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, New York, on March 26



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Special Consultant - Appointee,  
U. S. Public Health Service,  
Federal Security Agency, Boston.

Massachusetts was investigated  
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Order 9835 and the results  
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DR. CARL GOTTSCHALK, Intern, advised that he has quarters in the same building as the appointee and also has had considerable contact with him in the hospital since July 1, 1950, and that, in his opinion, the appointee is a patriotic American citizen.

Mr. LOUIS PARRISH, Intern, stated that he has had quarters in the same building as SARNO and has been quite friendly with him. He declared that the appointee is a loyal American.

Residence

484 Union Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York

Mr. RUDOLPH LOMBARDI, owner, advised that there are no available records as to the exact dates of occupancy of the apartments by former tenants, but that he recalls the SARNO family as having lived in the building for some years in 1940 and having moved out in the Fall of 1943. Mr. LOMBARDI stated that they were a very quiet family and that he considered them to be loyal Americans.

Mrs. PASQUALINA LUPOLI, a tenant, advised that the SARNO family had been neighbors of hers from 1940 until 1943. Mrs. LUPOLI stated that the SARNO family consisted of the appointee, his parents, JOHN and DELIA SARNO, and one brother, MODESTE SARNO. Mrs. LUPOLI further stated that, in her opinion, all members of the SARNO family are loyal American citizens.

2059 McGraw Avenue  
Bronx, New York

Mr. FRANK M. LEIHER, Office Manager, Parkchester, 71 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised that JOHN SARNO and his wife, DELIA, have resided in apartment 2H of 2059 McGraw Avenue since November 1, 1943, and that their prior residence, which was verified by investigators of Parkchester was at 484 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, where they had resided for four years. LEIHER stated that in 1943, JOHN SARNO gave his age as 42 and his occupation as a printer for the Quality Art Company, Long Island City, New York. He stated that an inquiry of the

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Quality Art Company had provided the information that SARNO had been employed by that organization since 1931. LEIHER further advised that the SARNO file reflects that in 1948 a son of JOHN and DELIA SARNO had returned from military service and that the son's name was JOHN E. SARNO, JR., age 25. He stated that there is nothing in the file which would reflect on the loyalty of the SARNO family.

Mrs. JOHN J. AIRLIE, apartment 2G, advised that she is casually acquainted with the SARNO family as a neighbor and stated that she considers them to be loyal American citizens.

Mrs. RUTH SOLOMON, apartment 2F, advised that she is acquainted with the SARNO family as a neighbor. Mrs. SOLOMON stated that, in her opinion, the members of the SARNO family are loyal Americans.

Mrs. O. J. HANRATTY, apartment 2E, advised that, as a neighbor, she is a casual acquaintance of the SARNO family. Mrs. HANRATTY stated that she has never had any reason to question the loyalty of any of the members of the SARNO family.

Mrs. M. MUNDY, apartment 2A, advised that she is casually acquainted with the SARNO family as a neighbor. Mrs. MUNDY stated that she considers the SARNOS to be loyal American citizens.

Mrs. JOSEPH RICHARDSON, 1696 Adelphi Road, Wantagh, Long Island, New York, advised that she knows the SARNO family very well and had formerly been a neighbor of the SARNO'S at 2059 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York. She stated that she is of a different religion than the appointee's father and that she is a member of a different major political party than the appointee's father and that they had had frequent political and religious discussions together. Mrs. RICHARDSON advised that these discussions and arguments they had had together had convinced her that the appointee's father is an absolutely loyal American citizen. She further advised that the appointee's father is very conscious of racial prejudices and very much against such prejudices. She stated that from her slight knowledge of the appointee she was of the opinion that the appointee is just as realistic as is his father. She stated that she knows nothing which would reflect adversely on the loyalty of the appointee.

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Miscellaneous

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The files of Confidential Informant Washington T-3, another Government agency that maintains personnel records, were checked and found to contain no information pertinent to this investigation.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflect that one JOHN SARNO, not further identified, is the Publicity Director of the Association of Internes and Medical Students. This information was obtained from the February, 1950 issue of the "Interne", page 26. 121-24686-10

"Interne" is the official publication of the Association of Internes and Medical Students.

*Appointee's name was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. and no criminal record was located.*

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The neighborhood investigation at 2059 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York, and the interviews at Columbia University were conducted by SA R. MULLANEY. Mrs. JOSEPH RICHARDSON, 1696 Adelphi Road, Wantagh, Long Island, was interviewed by SA KENNETH R. ROUNTON.

The records of the Board of Elections, Bronx, New York, were checked by SE GEORGE MADISON.

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, were checked by SA AUGUST MICEK.

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**United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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**JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
U.S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

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**Report of: Special Agent  
William H. Thomas**

**Dated: January 31, 1951 at  
New York, New York**

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/17/51

FROM : SAC, New York

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 Assistant Surgeon - Appointee  
 U. S. Public Health Service  
 Federal Security Agency,  
 Washington, D.C.  
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Rebulet of 12/21/50 and report of SA WILLIAM H. THOMAS dated 1/31/51 at New York, entitled as above.

The following is being submitted to the Bureau for its information, inasmuch as this office is not prepared to judge the significance of the information set out below.

On February 14, 1951, WILLIAM REED, 50 Haven Place, New York, referred to in referenced report, telephonically advised the following:

REED stated that during the noon hour on February 14, he had walked into the locker room of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and there had found the appointee and WILLIAM ABRUZZI in conversation. SARNO was telling ABRUZZI that he thought that he, SARNO, was going to take part in Point Four. ABRUZZI asked SARNO what Point Four was and SARNO replied that Point Four was "our propaganda program". SARNO continued by informing ABRUZZI that the Public Health Service was considering sending some of its people into South East Asia and that he thought that he would be one of those sent to that part of the world. REED advised further that SARNO and ABRUZZI at that point had noticed REED in the locker room and had walked away to a point where REED could not hear their conversation. REED stated that a few minutes later ABRUZZI had to leave for class and that SARNO had then taken an elevator to the ninth floor of the building. REED stated that Dr. JAMES FOULKS had his office on the ninth floor of the building.

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It will be noted in referenced report that ABRUZZI and FOULKS were elected national officers of the Association of Interns and Medical Students in December 1949.

REED further advised that he has learned that FOULKS and SARNO were the individuals who organized the fourth year class of the medical school in 1949 for AIMS.

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No further inquiry will be conducted in this matter unless advised  
to the contrary by the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION ONLY  
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"  
IN YOUR COPY REFER TO  
FILE LRB:GStL:vdM  
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Date: June 19, 1951

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: Hiram Bingham  
Chairman, Loyalty Review Board  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Subject: John Ernest Sarno, Jr.

Comm. Officer

Federal Security Agency

Washington, D. C.

In accordance with your request, there is shown below the disposition made of the case of the captioned individual, who was investigated by your Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835:

This disposition refers to loyalty only and has no reference to actions on other questions of suitability or security which may enter into a case.

Employee or Appointee:

STATISTICS TAKE

- (3) ☒ Eligible on loyalty
- 2 ☐ Ineligible and dismissed on loyalty
- 1 ☐ Resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on loyalty

Applicant:

- ☐ Eligible on loyalty
- ☐ Ineligible and denied employment on loyalty
- ☐ Withdrew from consideration prior to decision on loyalty

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**Date:** August 17, 1953

**To:** Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated February 15, 1951, transmitting the results of the investigation previously conducted concerning the above-named individual.

Additional information has been received which is set forth in the report of Special Agent William H. Thomas, dated August 7, 1953, at New York, New York, two copies of which are attached.

The information in the enclosed report is furnished to supplement the data previously forwarded to you in this case.

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*Enclosure*

cc: (1) Assistant Attorney General (Under separate cover)  
Warren Olney III

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> NEW YORK	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 8/7/53	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 6/15, 17, 19, 24, 7/28, 29/53	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> WILLIAM H. THOMAS
<b>TITLE</b> JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR. Assistant Surgeon U.S. Public Health Service Federal Security Agency Washington, D.C.			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <div style="float: right; text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;">9-1,3</div> Records U.S. Public Health Service, Staten Island, N.Y., reflect employee married to PENNY PATT and currently resides at Forge Brook Meadows, Fishkill, N.Y. Documentation of PENNY PATT set forth. Neighbors consider employee and wife to be loyal Americans. No credit record at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. No criminal record Sheriffs Office, Dutchess County, N.Y. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">- R U C -</div>			
<b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of SA WILLIAM H. THOMAS dated 1/31/51 at New York, New York. <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 20px;">X-1</div>			
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August 4, 1947, by  
Civil Service Commission  
(Chapter 12, F. P. M.)

# REQUEST FOR REPORT OF LOYALTY DATA ON APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEE

THIS FORM TO BE USED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES  
WHERE RECORD CHECKS AND INQUIRIES ARE CONDUCTED  
BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
(PART I—EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835)

CASE SERIAL NO.  
(880 use only)

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TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the U.S. Civil Service Commission  
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any  
loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME (in full and abbreviations of full name are not acceptable.)  
SARNO  
JOHN  
ERNEST JR.  
(Given name)  
(Middle or other name)

2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES  
NONE  
3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST  
6-30-50

4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number; passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which):  
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5. PLACE OF BIRTH  
Brooklyn NY  
6. DATE OF BIRTH  
6-23-23  
7. TITLE OF POSITION  
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8. SEX  
☒ MALE  
☐ FEMALE  
9. MARITAL STATUS  
☒ SINGLE  
☐ MARRIED  
10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH  
At time of original application for commission  
marital status married. Since that date Annalynn to  
be effective 8-29-50

11. DATE OF APPOINTMENT  
7-1-50  
12. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:  
☒ EXCEPTED  
☐ TEMPORARY  
☐ COMPETITIVE (Title Civil Service or other legal authority)

13. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS  
Association of Internes and Medical Students

14. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS  
From To Street City State  
Sept 1940 May 1943 Hoben Hall Kalamazoo College Kal Michigan  
US Army May 1943 to April 1946  
April 1946 to June 1950 2059 McGraw Avenue Bronx 62 NY

15. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS  
Date Employer Address  
Student 1940 1943 Kalamazoo College Kalamazoo Michigan  
US Army 1943 1946  
Student 19 46 1950 Columbia University College of P 68

16. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW:  
AGENCY WHICH MADE THE LOYALTY REPORT DATE OF REPORT REMARKS  
None

17. THIS SPACE IS TO BE LEFT FOR RETURN REPORT TO AGENCY WHICH NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY  
DCO USPHS Washington 25 DC  
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JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon  
U.S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D.C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

August 7, 1953

New York, New York

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The records of <sup>MRS.</sup> the U.S. Public Health Service, Staten Island, New York, reflect that Dr. JOHN ERNEST SARNO is currently married <sup>N.Y.</sup> to PENNY PATT and that they reside at Forge Brook Meadows, Fishkill, New York. ~~SARNO~~ 13

New York City T-3, of known reliability, advised in 1945 that PENNY M. PATT was the Literature Director and a member of the Executive Committee of the Unity Center of the Communist Political Association. ~~SARNO~~ <sup>N.Y.</sup>

New York City T-3, on July 17, 1945, advised that PENNY M. PATT attended a Pre-State Convention Meeting of the Unity Center of the Communist Political Association held at 2744 Broadway, New York City.

New York City T-14, of unknown reliability, but who was in a position to know PENNY M. PATT's activities, advised on February 25, 1951, that he believed that PENNY M. PATT, who resided at 161 West 16th Street, New York, New York, was a Communist or a Communist sympathizer. New York City T-14 stated that he based this contention on the fact that PENNY M. PATT held meetings in her apartment and from what he could hear concerning the matters discussed at these meetings, he was under the impression that the comments made were not favorable to this country.

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New York City T-14 further advised that upon the occasions he was in PENNY M. PATT's apartment, he noticed a great deal of Communist literature. He advised that this literature had "STALIN's hammer and sickle" on it.

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The Communist Political Association is an organization which has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

The records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York County, New York, reflect that PENNY M. PATT, 161 West 16th Street, New York, New York, registered in 1949 as an affiliate of the American Labor Party.

Regarding the American Labor Party, the following is noted in the "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.:

**"American Labor Party**

"1. For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside New York City they have been unable to win control.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78.)"

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination'. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948 pages 40 and 41.)"

On October 18, 1950, New York City T-15, of known reliability, advised that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party. He said that every Communist Party member, with the exception of a few labor leaders, are enrolled in the American Labor Party. He noted that it is regarded as a political obligation by each and every Communist Party member that he enroll and vote American Labor Party.

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On June 29, 1953, PENNY M. PATT was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and she advised that she had attended meetings of the Unity Club during 1944 and possibly early 1945. She also stated that she distributed literature at the meetings of the Unity Club and attended meetings of a group she presumes was the Executive Committee.

Residence

Kipp Drive  
Forge Brook Meadows  
Fishkill, New York

Mrs. GERTRUDE RUSSELL, Real Estate Agent, Bumpkin House Realty Company, Fishkill, New York, advised her company is the agent for Forge Brook Meadows, a new housing development. Mrs. RUSSELL advised her records indicate that Dr. JOHN E. SARNO made final commitment to purchase a home on August 20, 1952 and moved in about one month later.

Mrs. RUSSELL stated she has known Dr. SARNO and his family since October, 1952. She stated that Dr. SARNO has entered into the Community Civic affairs, is active in church work and enjoys an excellent reputation in the neighborhood.

Mrs. RUSSELL advised the SARNO family consist of Dr. SARNO; his wife, PENNY; and an eight month old daughter. Mrs. RUSSELL stated she had no reason to doubt the loyalty of either Dr. SARNO or his wife and believed both to be of good moral character and reputation.

Mrs. MILDRED BLENDERMAN, Kipp Road, Fishkill, New York, advised that she has been acquainted with Dr. SARNO and his family for one year. Mrs. BLENDERMAN also advised that she has met Dr. SARNO's parents and his mother-in-law and she regards them as reputable individuals.

Mrs. BLENDERMAN further advised that Dr. SARNO and his family are very well thought of in the community and there is no reason to question their loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. BLENDERMAN concluded by stating the SARNOs have a lot of company from New York City over the weekends but it

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is her impression that they are all professional acquaintances.

Mrs. FRANK STELZER, Kipp Road, Fishkill, New York, advised that she has known Dr. SARNO; his wife, PENNY; and their daughter, LINDA, age about nine months, for approximately six months. Mr. STELZER advised Dr. SARNO has an excellent practice and is held in high regard throughout the community. Mrs. STELZER further advised that the SARNOS are active in Civic affairs and there is no reason to question their loyalty to the United States.

Miscellaneous

Miss DOROTHY LEWIS, Poughkeepsie Credit and Collection Service, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised her records contain no information concerning Dr. SARNO or his wife.

Miss JESSIE PONTI, Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County, New York, advised her records contain no information concerning Dr. SARNO or his wife.

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INFORMANTS:

New York City T-13

New York City T-14

New York City T-15

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The records of the U.S. Public Health Service, Staten Island, New York, were checked by SA FREDERICK F. DALY.

The records of the Poughkeepsie Credit and Collection Service; Dutchess County Sheriffs Office, and the investigation at Fishkill, New York, was conducted by SA CHARLES R. ST. JOHN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**Title:**

JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon  
U.S. Public Health Service  
Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D.C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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**Report of:** Special Agent WILLIAM H. THOMAS

**Date and Place:** August 7, 1953  
New York, New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

DATE: August 17, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Archie D. Simpson  
Records Administration Branch

SUBJECT: JOHN ERNEST SARNO, JR.  
Assistant Surgeon  
U. S. Public Health Service  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated February 15, 1951, furnishing copies of reports covering an investigation conducted concerning the captioned individual. These reports were furnished for information and consideration as to whether the evidence developed indicated a violation of any Federal law.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of this Bureau's letter of this date to the U. S. Civil Service Commission together with a copy of its enclosure containing further information regarding the captioned matter. This is being furnished to supplement the data previously forwarded to the Department in this case.

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Sims \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

To: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

DATE: November 17, 1953

FILE: DI:BA:a

NAME <b>SARNO, John Ernest Jr.</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>6-23-23</b>
POSITION, ORGANIZATION, AND LOCATION <b>Assistant Surgeon U.S. Public Health Service Department of Health, Education &amp; Welfare Washington, D. C.</b>	

Your Bureau conducted investigation in this case under provisions of Section 8(d) of Executive Order 10450. The disposition made of the case is indicated below:

EMPLOYMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL:

- ☐ Retained
- ☒ Separated because of unfavorable report (See explanation below)
- ☒ Resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on investigative report (See explanation below):

For information from Health, Education & Welfare, Mr. Sarno was terminated on 8-15-53, no security determination under E.O. 10450 made.

APPLICATION:

- ☐ Appointed
- ☐ Reappointed because of unfavorable report
- ☐ Applicant withdrew from consideration prior to decision on investigative report.
- ☐ Not appointed for reasons other than unfavorable report (See explanation below):

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 10, 1950

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: JOHN ERNEST SARNO, Jr.  
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
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Rebulet September 28, 1950, to New York.

Mrs. MARY LOU BIRKENMEYER, Registrar's Office, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, made available the record of JOHN ERNEST SARNO, Jr., which reflected that his home address was 484 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He was born June 23, 1923. His father's name was JOHN E. SARNO. He entered Kalamazoo College on September 16, 1940, from Newton High School and Horace Mann High School, addresses not given. He graduated from High School in June 1939, and June 1940. There was no explanation given for this unusual notation. The Appointee was a Pre-Medical student, and he received High Honors for the Year 1940-41; the Sherwood Prize in Freshman Declamation, 1940-41; and Honors for the Year 1941-42. The record bore the following notation: "left school E.R.C. (Army) April 12, 1943." Mrs. BIRKENMEYER stated that the notation probably referred to the fact that SARNO was a member of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, U. S. Army, and that he was called to active duty on April 12, 1943. While at Kalamazoo College the Appointee resided at Hoben Hall on the campus.

SARNO's student file contained no information pertaining to his loyalty, nor did it indicate that any disciplinary action had been taken against him. Mrs. BIRKENMEYER further advised that the Dean of Men, Dean of Student Affairs, and Faculty Resident of Hoben Hall, at the time SARNO attended Kalamazoo College, are no longer connected with the College. The Appointee's file did contain a letter addressed "To Whom It May Concern" in which it was stated that SARNO was a student of many talents and high scholarship; had a good disposition, and contributed to the social and intellectual life of the campus. It recommended that SARNO could successfully fulfill any duties or position that he might represent himself to be capable of. This letter was signed WILBUR J. HUMBER, Dean of Student Affairs.

Miss FRANCES DIEBOLD, Professor of Biology, Kalamazoo College, recalled the Appointee very well. She found him to be an honest, very alert and intelligent young man. She said he thought matters over very carefully before taking any action, and did not "start off half-cocked" to do anything. He came from a middle class family, in the opinion of Miss DIEBOLD, but he appeared well satisfied with his position in society.

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Miss DIEBOLD has never had any reason to question the loyalty of SAHNO. It is her opinion that if the Appointee is now employed by the U. S. Government, it is the Government's gain.

Dr. ALLEN B. STONE, Professor of Chemistry, Kalamazoo College, recalled the Appointee as a student of foreign extraction, generation not known, who came from Brooklyn, New York. He had a talent for singing and was very well liked by fellow students and faculty members. It is Dr. STONE's opinion that if SAHNO had continued at Kalamazoo College, he was "headed for the Presidency of the Student body." He impressed Dr. STONE as being the type of person who appreciated everything this country had to offer him and was very appreciative of the chances he had received to help him become a Doctor of Medicine. STONE believes the Appointee to be loyal to this country.

The following Detroit Confidential Informants were contacted but did not know the Appointee: CNDI DE "C", DE-136, DE-275, DE-253, DE-79, DE-166, DE-251, DE-254, DE-279, DE-280, DE-203, DE-288, and DE-345.

Miss MARGARET BLANKSLEE, Credit Bureau of Kalamazoo, was unable to locate a record of the Appointee.

The Appointee's name does not appear in the records of the Kalamazoo Police Department or the Detroit Police Department.

The Detroit indices were checked with negative results.

Inasmuch as it appears that no further investigation in the Detroit Division is warranted, this case is being considered RUC.